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Attached is a copy of the page from your small mine notice where it shows the site will be less than five acres. You could cross out this figure and write in, "Less than one acre." You should then initial the change. This will greatly reduce the amount of surety we require.

Assuming you make the change, the surety amount is \$3000.00. This is after checking with our engineer and Dave Herron with the Forest Service.

The surety can be submitted in the form of a certificate of deposit, cash (certified funds which are deposited in an interest-bearing account), a letter of credit, or a corporate surety.

Please contact our bonding coordinator, Beth Ericksen, 801-538-5318 or [bethericksen@utah.gov](mailto:bethericksen@utah.gov), for information about submitting the surety.

This is a message I received from Dave Herron with the Forest Service:

Could you mention to him that he doesn't currently have approval, from the Forest Service, to actually do any additional work at the site. If he isn't planning to do anything in the near future, we would prefer to have him just clean up the site. Otherwise, if he does plan to continue working on that site, then he needs to talk to us about it, and get approval to do so. Unless he just wants to clean up, we need a formal proposal of what he wants to do, and then we need time to evaluate his proposal.

### III. OPERATION PLAN (Rule R647-3-106)

1. Type of mining: Surface ☐ Underground ☒
2. Mineral(s) to be mined: SILVER, GOLD,
3. Provide a brief description of the proposed mining operation and onsite processing facilities. TUNNEL, SHAFT STEEL-WOOD SHAFT ENTRY, DRILL ROCK, WEDGE, BREAK POSSIBLE SMALL LOAD BLASTING, REMOVAL BY SMALL PULLEY-SHAFTS w/ ROPE OR LIKELY CABLE. OR ~~THE~~ WINCH SYSTEM. & POSSIBLE PULVERIZATION OF ROCK BY BEST METHOD - HAMMERS ETC. NO MILL, SMELTER, OR OTHER PROCESSING MEANS OR (CHEMICALS) ARE REQUESTED OR ANTICIPATED. HANDLING OF ORE WILL BE DONE BY NOTKING (LARGER THAN A PICKUP &) TRUCK AT THIS TIME. TRAIL - ORE WEDGES WILL NEED TO BE MOVED. ABOUT 3/8 MI ACRES WILL BE REQUIRED.  
☒ New Road(s): Length \_\_\_\_\_ (ft) Width 15-20 (ft)  
☐ Improved Road(s): Length \_\_\_\_\_ (ft) Width \_\_\_\_\_ (ft)  
 Total project surface acreage to be disturbed: LESS THAN 5 ACRES TOTAL (acres)  
 Proposed startup date of project (month, year) AFTER 6-15-01  
JUNE 2001  
 Proposed completion date of project, if known (month, year) NOT KNOWN

### IV. OPERATION AND RECLAMATION PRACTICES (Rule R647-3-107, 108 & 109)

The reclamation and operation obligation is to keep the area clean and safe, minimize hazards to public safety, return the land to a useful condition, and reestablish at least 70 percent of the premining vegetative ground cover. To accomplish this, the operator will need to perform reclamation concurrently, or at the completion (within one (1) year) of mining:

1. Keep the mining operation in a safe, clean, and environmentally stable condition.
2. Permanently seal all shafts and tunnels to prevent unauthorized or accidental entry.
3. Plug drill holes with a five foot cement surface plug. Holes that encounter fluids are to be plugged in the subsurface to prevent aquifer contamination.
4. Construct berms, fences, or barriers, when needed, above highwalls and excavations.
5. Remove, isolate, or neutralize all toxic materials in a manner compatible with federal and state regulations.
6. Remove all waste or debris from stream channels.
7. Dispose of any trash, scrap metal, wood, machinery, and buildings.
8. Conduct mining activities so as to minimize erosion and control sediment.